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Man Charged with Fleeing Police, Endangering Baby During Standoff in South Los Angeles

A man was charged today with leading police in a car chase and then barricading himself in an apartment with an infant last week in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Juan Manuel Zamora (dob 3/17/94) was charged in case BA479126 with one felony count each of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's vehicle while driving recklessly, possession of an assault weapon, possession of a firearm by a felon, unlawful possession of ammunition and child abuse under circumstances or conditions likely to cause great bodily injury or death.

He also faces two misdemeanor counts of hit-and-run driving resulting in property damage. The charges include allegations that Zamora has prior felony convictions.

The defendant is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On June 28, police officers responding to a call attempted to stop Zamora's vehicle in a parking lot at South San Pedro Street and East Washington Boulevard, but he allegedly drove away, prosecutors said. The defendant is accused of hitting a police vehicle as he fled, leading officers on a chase and then crashing into a traffic pole.

He then allegedly ran inside of an apartment where he is accused of barricading himself with a baby before surrendering to police several hours later, prosecutors said.

Zamora faces a possible maximum sentence of 11 years in state prison if convicted as charged. Prosecutors are recommending that bail be set at \$180,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Newton Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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